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AMENDMENT

Sir,

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0022] with the following, which removes the reference to numeral 21 in the first sentence and changes "ensure" to "ensures" in the second sentence:

[0022] The alignment of aligning portion 16 and interior cylindrical wall 32 ensures that the driving surface of tip 20 remains substantially parallel to the bottom surface 64 of slot 34. The alignment also ensures that tapered surfaces 18 at driving end 13 are generally parallel to side surfaces 66 of slot 34 so that tapered surfaces 18 can provide force against side surfaces 6 substantially along the entire length of slot 34. Slightly misaligned driving tips have been known to break more easily because of unbalanced forces, especially at the high torques required to drive fasteners into concrete.

In the drawings:

Please replace sheet 2 of the drawings with the replacement sheet provided, which corrects FIG. 9 by placing missing dimension reference character "C" (described in paragraph [0012] of the specification) within the dimension arrows meant to specify it.

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action mailed July 8, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. On behalf of the Applicant, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during the telephone interview of July 27, 2004.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. The rejections are discussed below in generally the same order as in the Office action. Before discussing the claims, the Applicant presents three minor corrections to be made in the specification and drawings.

Specification

In carefully reviewing the specification, the undersigned discovered that reference numeral 21, which is not necessary to understanding the description, referred to in the "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION" section paragraph [0022], is not illustrated in the drawings. The Applicant also discovered a grammatical error in the second sentence of the same paragraph. The amended paragraph removes the reference to numeral 21 and corrects the grammatical error by changing "ensure" to "ensures."

Drawings

The undersigned found dimension reference character "C" missing from FIG. 9 of the drawings, although the arrow indicators of that dimension are present. A sheet labeled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" indicates the missing character in red, and a sheet labeled "REPLACEMENT SHEET" is submitted with the correction.